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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Johnson, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: INVDP001

Application No.: 09/689,548

Examiner: Gordon, Brian R.

Filed: October 11, 2000

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Title: HYBRID VALVE APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR FLUID HANDLING

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

- Applicants believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. INVDP001).
- Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. INVDP001).

Respectfully submitted,  
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